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**TWO MEN CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING
INTELENET COMMISSION AND INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced the filing today of fraud, conspiracy and money laundering charges against Shawn D. Solomon, age 28, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Michael W. Heuring, age 29, Boonville, Indiana. Solomon is the Senior State Networks Engineer for the Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System ("IHETS"). The charges arose from a joint investigation by the Indiana State Police, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The complaint alleges that Solomon and Heuring committed wire fraud by devising a scheme to defraud the Intelenet Commission and Indiana University through the sale of computer equipment at grossly inflated prices. The Complaint also alleges that Solomon and Heuring

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conspired to commit wire fraud.

As part of the scheme, between April 18, 2002 and January 24, 2003, Solomon and Heuring allegedly caused IHETS to direct the Intelnet Commission and Indiana University to purchase \$93,842 in computer equipment at grossly inflated prices from Heuring Consulting while concealing that Solomon had an illegal conflict of interest in these transactions because he was receiving bribes from Heuring.

In addition, as part of the scheme, in February 2003, Solomon and Heuring allegedly attempted to cause IHETS to direct the Intelnet Commission or Indiana University to purchase a further \$235,000 in computer equipment from Heuring Consulting.

The Complaint also alleges that Solomon and Heuring engaged in prohibited transactions involving the proceeds of the fraud scheme.

A federal Magistrate issued a warrant to arrest Solomon and Heuring, and to seize two vehicles owned by Solomon. The complaint alleges that Solomon used some of the funds resulting from the fraud scheme to finance both vehicles.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrot, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Solomon and Heuring each face a maximum possible prison sentence of 35 years and a maximum possible fine of \$750,000.

Indiana University and the Intelnet Commission are fully cooperating with the investigation.

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Solomon surrendered himself upon learning that a warrant had been issued and surrendered both vehicles. Heuring was not taken into custody today because he is recovering from an illness at his Boonville home.

An initial hearing was held for Solomon before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis this morning, and he was released on conditions pending further proceeding in the case.

The complaint is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty.

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